

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Sean Mellino on 07/31/09.

The application has been amended as follows:

To the specification:

Page 4, line 2, after the phrase "effective when combined with each other.", the phrase "The carbon dioxide-forming substance is contained in the pharmaceutical preparation in an amount of 2 to 50%-wt, preferably 5 to 30%-wt, and with particular preference 7 to 20%-wt, relative to the pharmaceutical preparation." has been inserted.

To the claims:

Claim 44, line 9, after the phrase "matrix-forming polymer comprising at least one" the phrase "unpleasant taste" has been inserted.

Claim 44, line 10, after the phrase "carbon dioxide forming substance, the phrase "dissolved or dispersed therein, wherein said at least one carbon dioxide forming substance" has been inserted.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior art, Falkenhausen et al., does not teach a method for administering the wafer-shaped or film-shaped mucoadhesive dosage form that does not disintegrate in an aqueous medium, said method comprising applying said dosage form to a surface of the oral mucosa, and then removing the dosage form from the oral mucosa after the active substance has been released.

Claims 44-71 are allowed.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to S. Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-0606. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

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